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CONTAINING PARTICULATE ALUMINA

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir:

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

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Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign-language documents, Applicant encloses herewith English-language Patent Abstracts of Japan for the listed JP-191420 and JP 06-191833, and English-language abstracts for the listed JP 2000-123635 and JP 48-034680.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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